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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON YOUTH ORGANIZATION

1. ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS WORLD FEDERALIST YOUTH (WFY) OF NIGERIA HAS INVITED EMBASSY TO PARTICIPATE ON OCTOBER 30 IN ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT OF POPULATION EXPLOSION AND DECREASING NATURAL RESOURCES. ACCORDING TO ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT, FEMI FABIYI, NIGERIAN WFY IS BRANCH OF INTERNATIONAL WFY ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERED IN COPENHAGEN (AND WHICH IS YOUTH AND STUDENT DIVISION OF OTTAWA-BASED GROUP KNOWN BY INITIALS WAWF); IT WAS FOUNDED THROUGH EFFORTS OF (AND IS STILL ASSOCIATED WITH) NIGERIAN YOUTH THINKERS CLUB, WHICH IS LOCAL SOVIET SPONSORED YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

2. WFY HAS ALSO ASKED SEVEN OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS (BELGIUM, UK, USSR, PRC, GHANA, FRG AND INDIA) TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES, THOUGH APPARENTLY ONLY BELGIUMS HAVE SO FAR GIVEN POSITIVE RESPONSE. FABIYI WAS REASONABLY CERTAIN SOVIETS AND PRC WOULD ATTEND, BUT DID NOT KNOW POSITION OF WEST GERMANS, INDIANS, GHANAIANS AND BRITISH

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(BRITISH HAVE PRIVATELY TOLD US THEY WILL NOT ATTEND).

EACH PARTICIPANT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO GIVE TEN TO TWENTY MINUTE STATEMENT ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON ROUND-TABLE TOPIC, FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE. WE TOLD FABIYI WE WOULD LET HIM KNOW BY COB OCTOBER 29 IF WE COULD PARTICIPATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE, IF POSSIBLE BY NOON OCTOBER 29, ANY VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON WFY OR WAWF ORGANIZATIONS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSIES COPENHAGEN AND OTTAWA.
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